



OIL NIGHTMARE: Mrs. Sally Weinsieder and sons Jules and Richard observe the "oil well" which unfortunately bubbled to the surface in their Los Angeles backyard recently. The Weinsieders at first thought they were lucky—but the seepage turned out to be from a long-abandoned well and they've had to pay to have the stuff hauled away. (AP Wirephoto)

Premier Quits In Vietnamese Shakeup Peace Boycott May End

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese Premier Tran Van Huong has submitted his resignation to President Nguyen Van Thieu amid some indication of a possible shift in South Vietnam's boycott of the Paris peace talks, authoritative sources said today.

On the military front, the U.S. Command accused North Vietnam of violating a mutual agreement to keep the demilitarized zone free of military activity and sent American bombers streaking over the zone to attack bunkers and ammunition stores. A spokesman said 34 North Vietnamese soldiers were

killed and at least a dozen bunkers were destroyed in the southern half of the DMZ.

Huong's resignation was submitted as a result of differences arising partly from the stalemate peace talks, the sources said. It was part of an over-all Cabinet crisis which could result in Huong's return to office as head of a stronger government or his departure from Thieu's regime.

DENIES REPORT
Information Minister Ton That Thien, asked about the report of Huong's resignation, said the premier had been informed, "laughed and termed it not accurate." However, Thien would not elaborate and declined to comment further when asked if the report was true.

Other sources in the government said a Cabinet shakeup had been under consideration for several days and some kind of official action was imminent. Just what shift in the South Vietnamese boycott of the Paris talks was likely was not known, and government sources would make no official comment. But other sources close to the government said if a stronger Cabinet emerged and the Thieu regime thus felt more secure, the president might not feel it so necessary that his delegation outrank that of the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front at the Paris talks.

Huong submitted his resignation Thursday, but by this afternoon Thieu reportedly had not decided whether to accept it. The president was reported considering a major Cabinet re-

shuffle, including the foreign and information ministries.

WANTS STRONG HAND
One source said Huong was determined to stay in office only if he could strengthen his Cabinet to meet the domestic political problems which might arise as a result of the talks.

The premier, who wields little political power under South Vietnam's constitution, was reported dissatisfied with the slow progress of his campaign against corruption and interference by the military in Cabinet affairs.

The real power is held by (See back page, sec. 1, col. 2)

Ex-Berrien Woman Dies Of Injuries

A former Three Oaks resident who was critically injured Nov. 1 in a two-car crash in Chikaming township which killed her husband, died Thursday in Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Manda Novaceich, 69, of Worth, Ill., was injured in a broadside crash at the intersection of Warren Woods and Flynn roads about three miles south of Sawyer in Chikaming township. Her husband, Jacob Novaceich, 74, was killed in the crash. Driver of the other auto, Dennis Streiffing, 18, of Three Oaks, received only minor injuries and was not hospitalized.

Mrs. Novaceich's death brings the Berrien county traffic toll for 1968 to 51.

Police said that the Novaceich auto, travelling south on Flynn road, stopped at a stop sign, then drove onto Warren Woods road into the path of the Streiffing auto. No summons was issued.

Mrs. Novaceich was born in Austria, July 10, 1899, the daughter of John and Mary Oreskovic Bukovac. She and her husband, Charles, moved to Worth one month ago from Three Oaks where they had made their homes for 20 years. Survivors include two daughters.

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LBJ-Nixon Agreement Is Unique

Will Consult
On Foreign
Policy Moves

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson and Richard M. Nixon are breaking historic new ground with their agreement for advance consultation on any major foreign policy moves before Nixon's Jan. 20 inauguration.

They probably will have to decide as they go along exactly how the arrangement will work.

Nixon's designation of veteran diplomat Robert D. Murphy as his personal representative in the foreign affairs field is expected to make the arrangement smooth and efficient.

Nixon told a news conference Monday, after a meeting with President Johnson, that the present administration can speak in the next two months on foreign affairs with the full authority of the incoming administration.

At a news conference in New York Thursday he said Johnson had agreed to consult him before making any significant moves.

NIXON'S ROLE
But Nixon also said that for the United States to speak to other countries with a single voice it would be necessary for the President-elect to agree to a course of action.

This seemed to indicate Nixon was reserving the right to withhold his agreement.

The White House was unexpectedly brief in its reaction to the Nixon statement. A spokesman said only the President's power had not been "diluted."

This seemed to indicate the President was reserving the right to take any action he considers necessary.

Commenting on the prospect of disagreement, Nixon said he and Johnson "did not discuss that precisely."

One evident result of the agreement is to increase Johnson's effective power in the conduct of foreign relations during the next two months. Otherwise, he would be limited substantially to commitments that he could fulfill in the time remaining to him as president.

Another result which Nixon apparently hopes for may well be to speed up the Vietnamese peace negotiations as compared with the pace they would probably follow if there was no assured continuity of U.S. policy.

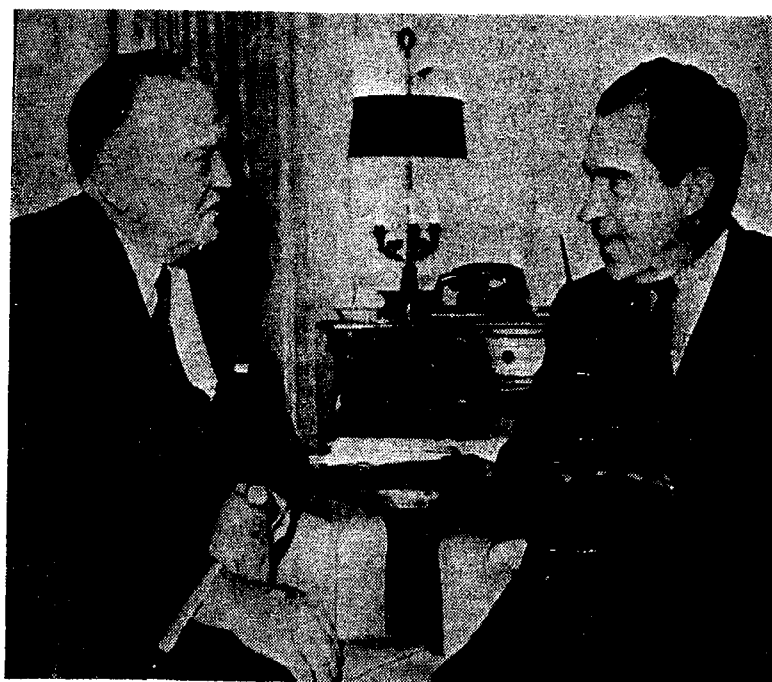
VIETNAM WAR
Nixon made clear in campaign speeches he considered settlement of the war—or at least de-Americanization of the conflict—a priority objective for the next administration.

His emphasis on seeking to rebuild unity in this country and on shifting the focus of foreign affairs from Asia to Europe suggest that if President Johnson does have a chance to conclude a peace settlement in the next two months Nixon will do everything he can to assist.

Nixon is represented as confident that President Johnson will not make a major foreign policy move which he does not approve. His reasoning is reported to be that successful action by the present administration on any problem of importance requires the assurance of policy continuity in the new administration.

At the White House, Press Secretary George Christian said in response to a direct question that "nothing has diluted presidential authority"—a statement of the constitutional fact that until the moment of Nixon's inauguration the full legal powers of the presidency can be exercised only by Johnson.

Scotch mixed dills, every Fri. 10 p.m., Lakeshore Lanes. Adv.
Fruit filled Danish coffee cakes, Spec. 69c. Eitel's Bakery. Adv.



HUDDLE WITH HOOVER: President-elect Richard M. Nixon, right, talks with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Nixon's office in the Hotel Pierre in New York Thursday. Following the meeting with Nixon, Hoover said in a network interview that "justice is merely incidental to law and order." The term "law and order" was a major presidential campaign issue and Vice President Huber H. Humphrey, the loser, campaigned for "law and order with justice." "Law and order is what covers the whole picture," Hoover said. "Justice is part of it, but it can't be separated as a single thing." (AP Wirephoto)

Atlas Press Of Kazoo Buys Covell's Of BH

Plant Will Remain Here

Covell Manufacturing Co. of Benton Harbor has been sold to the Atlas Press Co. of Kalamazoo for an undisclosed amount of cash, it was announced today by Louis Filstrup, Covell president.

The Graham avenue plant is one of the Twin Cities' oldest manufacturing firms, in business here for 61 years.

E. H. Marsland, president of Atlas, said it is expected that Covell's will operate as a division of Atlas with no changes in management, personnel or business objectives.

The Covell company is owned by members of the long locally prominent Filstrup family. It employs 125 people and had sales for calendar year 1967 of approximately \$3.6 million. Covell's manufactures grinders of several types: surface, cylindrical and cutter and tool.

Atlas Press Co. has its headquarters and one division in Kalamazoo. It has another division in Warsaw, Ind. Its sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1968, were approximately \$15.1 million. Atlas produces metal-working lathes, drill presses and vertical and horizontal milling machines for industrial and vocational markets.

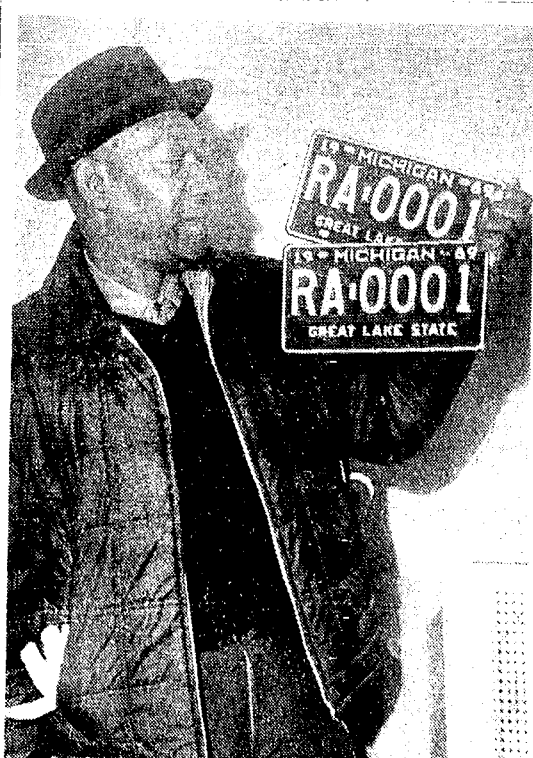
Stockholders in Covell are all

members of the Filstrup family. Principal stockholders are Alvin Filstrup, secretary-treasurer; Louis Filstrup, president; Edward C. Filstrup, vice-president; Mrs. Gertrude B. Filstrup, Alvin's mother.

The firm was founded in 1874 in Chicago by Milo Covell. It was taken over by the late L. L. Filstrup, grandfather of the

Louis, Alvin and Edward, in 1890. The firm came to Benton Harbor in 1907 in response to promotion activities by the Benton Harbor Development Co.

President Filstrup said he and Alvin and Edward will continue in their present positions. There are no plans to move the plant out of Benton Harbor, he added.



HE'S NO. 1: Laurence Shuttleworth of 934 East Main street, Benton Harbor, holds up the first 1969 license plates issued this morning at the auto license bureau, 505 Pleasant street, St. Joseph. Shuttleworth said he began waiting at 2 a. m. today and wasn't joined until 3:07 a. m. by the second in line, Caesar Blaschke of 2217 Pioneer road, St. Joseph. License plates go on sale throughout Michigan today and they will cost more. Shuttleworth's cost \$19.80—about eight dollars more than last year. Story on page 23. (Staff photo)

But Nixon Disagrees On Timing

Ending Draft
Is Main Part
Of Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A moderate Republican senator plans early in the new Congress to revive efforts to replace the draft with an all-volunteer Army a move that would implement a Nixon campaign proposal.

Oregon's Mark O. Hatfield said Wednesday he hopes beforehand to iron out with President-elect Nixon their major difference on the proposal—the matter of timing.

Hatfield said in an interview his bill will call for a prompt start on the changeover. Nixon proposed to wait until the end of the Vietnam war.

"This is the time to begin," Hatfield said.

Despite their differences over the timing, Hatfield views Nixon's stand as boosting the effort to end the draft.

STIFF OPPOSITION
Other congressional sources, however, predict "the proposal will run into the same stiff opposition it has encountered in the past in the powerful armed services committees of both houses of Congress."

"Compulsory conscription is repugnant, short of a true national emergency, to a country that purports to have democratic institutions," Hatfield said.

Hatfield plays down the controversies over methods of selection, deferments, age order of induction and conscientious objections.

Such discussions, he said, camouflage "the most basic inequity of the current draft system—the fact that a smaller and smaller minority of our young men is carrying the burden of national defense."

"We cannot tolerate the injustice of a system that capriciously requisitions two years out of the lives of some young men while allowing others their liberty," he said.

The system of filling manpower needs is wasteful, he added, because of the high cost of training men who, for the most part, leave the service as soon as their two-year induction period expires.

The bill he plans to submit would provide for a transition period in going from the draft to an all-volunteer system.

It calls for higher military salaries, expansion of in-service education and training, greater opportunities for enlisted men to become officers, reduction in the length of time required before promotion, better social, cultural and recreational facilities for personnel, and higher bonuses for reenlistment.

'NOT WORKABLE'
Opponents of the volunteer army counter that the proposals look good but are not workable.

Proposals for the volunteer approach were rejected last year when the committees considered legislation to extend the draft, subsequently extended by Congress to June 30, 1971.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)

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BERRIEN SPRINGS

Principal Is All For Buck Fever Holidays

BERRIEN SPRINGS—The annual five-day "hunting leave" for Berrien Springs high school students begins today with the opening of the deer season.

Any boy in grades 9 through 12 in this southwestern Michigan community who has a C grade average and who can get his parents' permission is excused from school to go hunting during the first week of the deer season. This year 32 boys will skip classes to try to bag a deer.

There's only one flaw in the picture—the students are required to make up missed class work.

Lester Dickma, high school principal, says he doesn't know when the custom of granting hunting leaves to students began, but he's all for it.

"The boys study better after they get the hunting fever out of their systems," he said.

The only thing he doesn't like about the arrangement is that principals are not allowed to go hunting too.

OLD TWIN CITY SPANS MUST GO... WHEN?

Benton Apartment Project Revealed

O'Brien Estimates Cost At \$1.5 Million

Tentative plans for a \$1.5 million apartment project were presented to the Benton township planning commission last night by real estate agent Jack O'Brien. Plans include 13 buildings with 104 rental units.

David Chew Killed By Pistol Shot



DAVID CHEW

David Dean Chew, 38, well-known former owner of Dave's Sports store in Bridgman, died last night of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Berrien sheriff's officers reported.

He was discovered about 1:45 a.m. today in his bedroom by Richard Kimball. The two men were renting a house on Jericho road, Bridgman, with a third man, Carl Kasischke.

Kimball told Berrien county deputy Sheriff Stanley H. Wolkins he thought Chew had gone to sleep with the light on and went into his room to turn it off. He found Chew on the bed with a .38 pistol in his hand.

Wolkins said a note was found in the room indicating Chew owed about \$1,000 to several other persons, and had about \$800 owed to him.

Chew starred in basketball at Benton Harbor high school and Community college.

He was born Oct. 11, 1930, in Benton Harbor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chew. He has resided in the twin city area all his life and was presently employed at the Gelesko Tool and Die Co. in Bridgman.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lydia Chew of St. Joseph, and his sister, Mrs. David (Carol) Molnar of Benton Harbor. His father died March 29, 1962.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Reiser funeral home. Friends and relatives may visit the funeral home anytime Saturday.



JACK O'BRIEN
Tells Housing Plans

the construction of a car wash.

• A request of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Riersma of route 2, Benton Harbor, to change the zoning on part of their property on Benton Center road to sell camping trailers. The rezoning request is from agricultural to commercial.

• A request for a special permit to allow construction of a building for German-American National Congress activities was withdrawn by DANK President Joe Baumann, since the land they were seeking was sold to another party.

• A public hearing for a zoning change of 297 Crystal avenue from residential to commercial was tabled, since Tyree Wilburn, of 135 North Winans street, the owner, was not present. Wilburn wants the zoning changed so he may operate a restaurant there.

The planning commission set its next meeting date as Nov. 25, since the regular meeting date falls on Thanksgiving.

WOLF'S

Store Hires Black Man As Trainee

George Wolf, proprietor of Wolf's Supermarket, 449 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, said today that he has hired a Negro as a management trainee, starting Nov. 25. Wolf said the trainee will be involved in all phases of supermarket operation. Wolf did not identify him pending the start of employment.

The store already has two Negro employees.

The trainee was hired after consultation between Wolf and Maurice Bishop, head of the local SCLC unit which meets in a church adjoining Wolf's parking lot.

Tells Hours For Library

NEW BUFFALO—Mrs. Ramona McCort, librarian, has announced that the New Buffalo public library will be open Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. effective Monday, Nov. 18. In addition to the evening hours the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Highway Dept. Will Share Cost

Main, Wayne St. Project Has 'Top Priority'

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

Replacement of two archaic bridges linking the Twin Cities seems virtually assured, according to a State Highway department engineer.

The question is when? "The Main and Wayne street project has to be done," said Ronald J. Roberts, a route location engineer from Lansing. "We have been thinking 1970. But..."

An anticipated reduction in funds casts some doubt over the exact timing. The project currently is estimated at \$3.5 million, split 50-50 between state and federal sources, because the bridges are on the I-94 business route.

Plans for the two new bridges, each of four lanes, have a "high priority rating" with the department, according to Roberts.

REPORT DUE SOON

He said the state is considering three routes for the new bridges and expects to have a report ready by Feb. 1, 1969.

Most preferred is immediately south of the existing bridges crossing the St. Joseph river and Morrison channel between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. An alternative is just north of the spans and involves going over the old Benton Harbor ship canal.

A third possibility is the existing alignment, but this would require temporary structures to maintain traffic during construction.

Roberts said new construction will be of higher elevation than the present bridges to aid navigation. The Morrison channel crossing will be fixed. A bascule span is planned for Main street. It will open to permit passage of vessels on the river, but a higher elevation means only infrequent disruptions in highway traffic.

The Benton Harbor and St. Joseph city commission are on record favoring new bridges. The municipal governments will be further consulted along with the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers on the navigational aspects, Roberts said.

Average daily traffic on the two-lane bridges is 21,000 vehicles. It's projected to be 35,000 by 1990 if the capacity is there, said Roberts said that's impossible with the present bridges.

Construction of new Main and Wayne bridges will not rule out the possibility of a new crossing between Empire avenue, Benton Harbor, and Pearl street, St. Joseph. Roberts said this is in the department's "long range thinking when traffic warrants it."

Although the Main - Wayne bridge are kept in the best repair possible, maintenance can't overcome the ravages of time and daily traffic pounding.

ONE AT A TIME

The situation was illustrated two weeks ago with the posting of new weight limits. Heavier trucks are now permitted on the bridges, but they are restricted to one truck on a bridge at a time, a system that requires some accurate reckoning by drivers of both trucks and autos.

Edward Miller, district traffic engineer for the department, said violations of the rules could mean "the bridges might be badly strained and require extensive repair."

The new maximums are straight body trucks, 35 tons; tractor and semi, 43 tons; tractor, semi and trailer, 49 tons.

The bridge crossing the main channel of the St. Joseph river was constructed as a swing bridge in 1909. The Morrison channel bridge was built in 1911.

Slave Day Saturday In Decatur

DECATUR — The senior class of the Decatur high school is asking for work to do on Slave Day, Saturday, from nine a.m. until six p.m. Anyone in the community who has odd jobs or work of any kind to be done may call 423-5611 or 423-7286 or 423-2806.



DOOMED?: Narrow obsolete bridges between the Twin Cities are scheduled for replacement by the State Highway department. Routes for new crossings are now being planned. Only hitch is when

funds will be available for the federal-state project. Ancient and ugly Morrison channel bridge is in the foreground of view looking toward Main street bridge into Benton Harbor. (Staff photo)



RONALD J. ROBERTS
Help on Way

Will Explain Veterans Benefits

Orland Brown, service officer for Amvets, will be at the St. Joseph branch office of the Michigan Employment Security Commission Nov. 19 to answer questions on veterans benefits.

Brown will be at the office from 2 to 5 p.m. and his services are available to all veterans, veterans widows or their dependents.

Anyone who has questions on pensions, the new Cold War G.I. Bill, or any veterans benefits will be assisted.

M-139 Widening Job Is Postponed Again

Awaiting Federal Funds

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A second delay in federal funds has moved bid-letting for Highway M-139 widening in Benton township back from January to a tentative spring date which is not yet definite.

Berrien Road Commission Engineer-Manager Heath Calvin said curtailment of Michigan State Highway Department plans for \$38 million in state bid-letting — including M-139 — in January is the result of new federal restrictions on federal funds for highway construction.

A bid-letting in December was stalled similarly, he said.

Highway M-139, a two-lane road, is scheduled to be widened to five lanes from near Pipestone road south to the multi-lane intersection of I-94 expressway, a distance of about 2 1/4 miles.

"The holdup is in federal aid approval, so the bid-taking is being postponed and no date has been set," Calvin said, "but we're hoping it's early in the spring."

Completion will take almost a year.

The cost of the 50-50 federal-state project isn't known, he added, though it was included in a proposed \$38 million bid-letting by the state highway department.

The January bid-letting by the state will be pared to a maximum of about \$6 million.

Berrien county's road commission also has a hand in the project — a 50-50 split with the federal government of \$500,000 costs to widen to five lanes Pipestone, Napier and Nickerson avenue at M-139.

The commission over the past year-plus has spent \$75,000 toward acquiring rights-of-way for the three intersection widenings.

"and we still have some parcels yet to acquire — and the reason is our busy (Berrien circuit) court calendar," Calvin said.

But a new third circuit judge is expected to speed processing of highway condemnation cases.

STORM DRAIN

The road commission also has all but completed a project

related to M-139 widening — that of building a 4-foot diameter underground storm drain from Willow creek at Napier east to M-139 and south on M-139 for a total of five-eighths of a mile.

This drain, a \$134,419 federal-state-local project with \$44,000 of road commission funds and \$17,000 from Benton township, will serve as a trunk to connect smaller drains along M-139 with Willow creek, which drains into the St. Joseph river.

Next, said Calvin, is highway widening — when Uncle Sam comes through with the money. He had a bright note for drivers of M-139 and Nickerson avenue, however.

The road commission at a Nov. 8 meeting agreed to pay half the cost and maintenance of a full traffic light at Nickerson and M-139, a corner criticized for a high accident rate and difficulty of crossing for Nickerson traffic. The state will pay the rest.

Installation of the full signal — it will replace a flasher and stop signs — will be as soon as equipment is available, Calvin said.

Once drivers find out Nickerson-M-139 is a controlled intersection heavy traffic on Napier and M-139 should be relieved, he added.

Store Gets Tough With Shoplifters

Three women were arraigned yesterday before Benton township Justice of the Peace Chester L. Jolly, Jr. for shoplifting at Goldblatts, Fairplain Plaza. The arraignments were a result of the store's new policy to prosecute all shoplifters.

Pleading guilty to a charge of petty larceny were Valerie Sharon Leonard, 18, of 869 East Vineyard street, and Kitty Sue Reid, 18, of 419 Ohio street, both of Benton Harbor. They were sentenced to fine and cost of \$125 or 15 days in jail.

Pleading innocent was Isabella Ash, 18, of 479 Riford street. Her bond was set at \$100. The trio were arrested by Benton township police Wednesday.

Also arraigned yesterday, Richard C. Story, 18, of 463 Foster avenue, pleaded innocent to a warrant charging him with malicious destruction of property. His bond was set at \$100.



MEMORABLE EVENT: Irv Wermont, a memory expert from Boston, astounded 350 persons last night at the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce banquet in Shadowland ballroom. His gift for total recall was illustrated by distributing pages of a magazine throughout the audience and then quoting the text. Getting some memory tips are (left to right) Walter Laetz, master of ceremonies; Harry Hall, State Chamber president; Wermont, and Robert Starks, Twin Cities Chamber president.



PREPARE FOR OPENING: The operators of a new Flavor-Crisp Chicken house at Territorial road and Wells avenue in Benton township started business this week. Left to right are: Arlene Wilson, Joyce Curtis, Cassie Buda and her husband, the owner, Immanuel Buda. The restaurant which features other carryout foods will hold its grand opening Nov. 30. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Staff photo)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1968

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BEING SOUGHT

Berrien Springs
Budget Up 9%New School Spending Plan
Totals \$966,121

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A record budget for 1968-69 totalling \$966,121 was adopted last night by the Berrien Springs Board of Education. This is an increase of approximately nine per cent over last year's budget of \$869,625.

Salaries for the 98 teachers in the district accounted for the major part of the budget increase this year, including salaries for 12 new teachers and pay raises, according to Peter Rudell, board president.

Salaries for teachers holding the master's degree rose from \$6,250 last year for beginning teachers to \$6,750 this year, and from \$9,325 last year to \$10,152 for teachers in the highest pay categories with the M.A. degree.

Salaries for holders of the B.A. degree rose from \$5,850 for beginning teachers last year to \$6,300 this year. For holders of the bachelor's degree at the top of the pay scale, salaries went from \$8,307 to \$9,223.

Of a total of \$348,823 budgeted for operation of the two elementary schools in the district, \$305,288 is for teachers' salaries, an increase of \$35,228. Salaries for two elementary school principals this year came to \$22,835, up from \$15,800 last year.

Funds budgeted for secondary instruction amount to \$379,346, of which \$319,100 is for teacher salaries. Salaries for high school teachers amounted to \$254,607 last year.

The budget, which goes into effect in February, contains \$36,998 for administrative expenses, including a salary of \$16,000 for the superintendent of schools and \$13,000 for clerical help.

Other items budgeted are \$4,100 for health services; \$51,200 for transportation expenses, including salaries for bus drivers amounting to \$30,000; \$118,400 for operational expenses to cover utilities, and custodial and grounds services; \$8,500 for maintenance of plant facilities and equipment repairs; \$8,500 for fixed charges such as insurance and interest on loans; and \$12,500 for capital outlay for new equipment.

Money for the budget will come from an anticipated income of \$430,222 from local taxes on property in all of Ortonville township and parts of Berrien and Royalton townships having a valuation of \$24,444,444; \$10,000 from delinquent tax

payments; \$449,099 from state aid; \$3,500 from remedial reading aid funds; \$5,300 from state driver education funds; \$3,000 in federal aid for critical fields, such as science; \$35,000 in state transportation aid; and \$30,000 from miscellaneous rents and sales and pro-rata of operating costs.

Lee Auble, superintendent of schools, reported to the board that a \$500,000 building program which will add 10 rooms to the upper elementary school and four rooms and a library to the lower elementary school is on schedule and should be completed as planned for the start of school in September 1969.

A shortage of stone masons is delaying brick work at present, but is not a cause for concern, Auble said. Ten per cent of the construction has been completed, including the pouring of all footings and the erection of some walls.

Mrs. Lola Smith, director of curriculum materials for the district, reported to the board that a new health education program is underway for kindergarten and grades one through three. The program will be introduced to grades four through six during the present school year and to all grade levels eventually, Mrs. Smith said.

Present at the meeting as observers were 20 members of an Andrews university education class taught by Dr. George Akers.



D.A.R. SPEAKER: Edward S. Piggens, circuit court judge of the third judicial district, Detroit, (center) called for a return to patriotism in his address to members and guests of the Algonquin chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution Wednesday evening at Berrien Hills Country club. Mrs. Thomas Gillespie, left, was the program chairman and introduced Judge Piggens. Mrs. Joel Pearson is Regent of the local chapter. (Staff photo)

Old-Fashioned Ethics
Said Needed In U.S.

Judge Speaks To DAR

By JEANNETTE McDONALD
Staff Writer

An appeal to put some old-fashioned ethics into modern American life was made last night by a noted Detroit jurist at the annual banquet of Algonquin Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution in

Berrien Hills Country club. Circuit Judge Edward S. Piggens of Detroit said bigotry should not be tolerated, and neither should the permissiveness which weakened America's institutions.

Judge Piggens, a former police commissioner of Detroit, who gained fame as a one-man grand jury said:

"As a trial judge, I must and would be the first to safeguard the just legal rights of the accused, but what about the just legal rights of society?"

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

"What about the sacred rights of the victim who lies face down in a dark alley with a knife in his back or the dedicated police officer who has his head blown off by the blast of a hidden sniper's shotgun?"

"Our American institution of the law, when properly administered is one of the most magnificent ever conceived."

Other observations by the judge:

"Have we forgotten the lessons taught and the examples set by those rugged patriots who literally hammered and chiseled this nation out of bedrock of a rugged wilderness, that one basic truism, that no nation, no society of men can ever succeed or even long exist without law and order, without a leadership of men of wisdom and devotion, without a people possessed of a strong national spirit of ethical responsibility? This, my fellow American is what ails America, if we would but have the intestinal fortitude to face up to it."

Recalling his grandfather, "A kindly rugged old Scot," Judge Piggens said, "he scorned bigotry and petty prejudices and realized that the Star Spangled Banner could be sung with equal enthusiasm by Catholic, Protestant or Jew and that it took both the black and white keys to produce complete harmony."

"To Grandpa the law was paramount. It was there to be respected and obeyed. It was there to be enforced, I shudder in fearful retrospection at what might have happened to me had, some 40 years ago, I returned home from college for a weekend and informed dear old Dad that we had the Dean locked in his office and intended to keep him there until he acceded to our demands. It would have been one of the most unforgettable moments of my life!"

"We live in an age of permissiveness and indulgence where a felonious assault is merely a psychological manifestation of the development of self-expression, Judge Piggens said.

"Let me quote from an article which recently appeared in a most unusual publication. 'A boy lies rotting from malnutrition and torture in a jungle prison camp in North

Vietnam while another boy spits and tramples on the flag of this country on the steps of a university of learning. A boy lies sightless in a United States Naval hospital from communist-inflicted face wounds, while another boy uses a communist flag to drape himself in defiance of the laws of his country. A man of medicine begins his 30th straight hour standing over an operating table in pursuit of life, while another man of medicine implores crowds of young men to refuse to serve their country."

"A young Negro holds the face of his dead white comrade in his arms and cries pitifully in a dirty mud hole while another Negro screams with hate against his white brother in the streets of countless American cities. A man of God shields a wounded boy from an enemy bayonet with his body and dies while another man of God uses his cloth as a shield to preach hate, dissension and lawlessness. My God, — how can it be?"

"The source of that article? You'd never believe it! It appeared on the front page of a recent issue of 'The Spectator' the weekly newspaper published by the inmates of the State Prison of Southern Michigan!"

Of the Hippies, Judge Piggens said: "These are the members of the deprived class, those who were deprived of that old-fashioned, woodshed-type of basic education that was always administered by a loving parent and usually through the posterior region of the human anatomy, but still an invaluable education that left lasting impressions of having achieved success the hard way."

Committee
Headed By
ReutherProgram Would
Cover Everyone
In Country

DETROIT (AP) — United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther announced Thursday formation of a committee to mobilize the broadest possible support to achieve the goal of a national health insurance program.

Reuther made his announcement in a prepared speech to members of the American Public Health Association at a convention in Detroit.

Reuther did not offer specific plans for a health program, but suggested various guidelines around which a plan might be organized. He stressed that the program should pay for all necessary care and treatment of illness, mental and physical, and for rehabilitation.

EXPLAINS GOAL
Maintenance of health would be a major goal rather than "payment for sickness," Reuther said.

The labor leader suggested all residents of the country should be eligible; the program "should be an integral part of the national social insurance system," costs to be met by "contributions" from management-labor funds, from appropriate government agencies for special population groups, from employer - employee contributions and from general revenue.

To be known as the Committee for National Health Insurance, the organization will be headed by Reuther as chairman. Three persons have accepted vice chairmanships, he said.

VICE CHAIRMEN

They are Whitney Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, Mrs. Mary Lasker of New York City, a noted philanthropist, and Dr. Michael DeBakey, vice president for medical affairs and chairman of the Baylor University Department of Surgery.

"We are under no illusions that the task will be easy but we are determined to get on with the job," Reuther said. "The crisis in health care is deep. The unmet needs of the American people are great, and the time for action is overdue."

"But we are confident that the American people will respond affirmatively to our call for action on the health front."

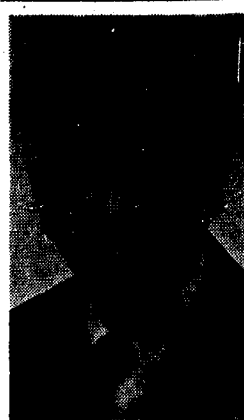
Reuther said the newly formed committee will open national headquarters in Washington, D. C. Friday.

Fund Drive
Extended

SOUTH HAVEN — The 1968 South Haven Community Chest campaign, almost two-thirds towards its goal, has been extended one week, drive chairman Robert Randall said today.

Contributions and pledges to the Chest campaign total \$17,857 or 63 per cent of the record \$29,000 goal.

The drive was originally scheduled to end today, but several major phases of the campaign have yet to be completed, Randall explained.



GLENN SPERRY

Mayor Not
Up For
ReelectionSouth Haven Has
5 Posts Open In
February Primary

Mayor Won't Run Again
SOUTH HAVEN — Mayor J. Glenn Sperry yesterday announced he will not seek a third term in office in the city spring elections.

In a statement issued yesterday at city hall, Sperry said he wished "to remove myself from consideration in order to offer the maximum opportunity and encouragement for others citizens to seek the position. I appreciate the opportunity given me to serve our city and the many courtesies extended me during the past three years."

Sperry, 33, became the city's first Democratic mayor on record when he won his first two-year seat in April, 1965. He announced in December, 1966, that he would not seek reelection, but later changed his mind and ran, and won, a second term in office.

FINANCIAL BOON

Sperry came into office during the height of controversy over the fate of the city-operated power plant. Under his leadership, the council moved into a wholesale power purchase agreement with Indiana Michigan Electric Co. that has proved to be a financial boon for the city.

In addition, the council, under Sperry, launched a general program of street repair, a city-wide clean-up project calling for demolition of dilapidated buildings, planned a \$1,450,000 water and sewer system improvement project later approved by city electors, and planned a \$263,000 marina for the north branch of the Black River.

A \$4,000,000 urban renewal program for downtown South Haven was planned under Sperry, but city electors rejected the plan in a referendum election.

FIVE SPOTS OPEN

The mayor's chair will be one of five positions on the council open for grabs in city primary elections February 17. Other expiring jobs will be those of first ward alderman Donald McGuire and Roscoe Pearson; second ward alderman Marion White, and third ward alderman Lester Pond.

None of the other council members have declared their intention to run again.

City Clerk Rita Verdonk said candidates must file petitions in her office by 4 p.m. December 30.

SUPERVISOR

Candidates
File Their
Expenses

Two more men filed Nov. 5 election expense statements with Berrien County Clerk Forrest H. Kesterke.

George Reinhardt, winner of the District 12 county supervisor's race reported \$24.86, and Walter C. Miller, defeated candidate for District 11, \$62.22.

Candidates have until Nov. 25 to file statements.

Fair May
Get New
Building

ALLEGAN — A second financially successful year in a row has started officials of the Allegan County Fair planning construction of a second commercial display building.

At the annual meeting of the Allegan County Agricultural Society, which sponsors the 116-year-old event, President Weldon Rumery appointed James Chestnut, of Trowbridge township, to head a committee to develop plans for a second industrial building.

It would be the first major addition to the fair's permanent buildings since construction of a 4-H horse barn nine years ago.

Rumery told fair board members that demands for commercial display space have been twice as great as the amount available for many years.

The new building committee is expected to have plans set for approval before the fair's spring board meeting in May.

Although attendance was down somewhat from last year, Rumery said the fair had another good year, reporting a net profit of \$10,562. The 1967 fair showed a \$19,428 net profit. Despite rain on three days of this year's fair, total attendance was down only 2 1/2 per cent from the 1967 record of 131,000.

All four directors whose terms expire this year were re-elected at the general membership meeting held in the fair's new downtown offices at 233 Hubbard street, Allegan. Re-elected were Clarence J. Smith, E.W. DeLano, Edward Barton and John Campbell.

At the board of directors meeting held later, all present officers were re-elected including Rumery as president and secretary, Clair McOmber and George E. Horan, vice-presidents, and H.D. Tripp, treasurer. Joe Armstrong was named to the board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of James Pettapiece.

Watervliet
Seniors Will
Hold Dinner

WATERVLIET — The senior class of Watervliet high school will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the senior high school cafeteria. Tickets are available at the door or from any member of the class.

South Haven Plan Group
Still Opposes Filling Ravine

By JIM DONAHUE

South Haven Bureau
SOUTH HAVEN — Members of the South Haven planning commission made it clear in their meeting here last night that they may still stand in opposition to the city council's plan to fill the ravine east of city hall.

The battle between the commission and the council has already held up the planned project for over five years. Aldermen last month ordered plans prepared for the construction of a new storm and sanitary sewer through the ravine, and an eventual filling of the hole with the completion of Quaker street, from Broadway to Center.

But commission members last night spoke out against the plan to spend some \$100,000 for sewer construction to hold the weight of 30 feet or more of fill dirt. The commission has proposed a double-decked parking lot in the area in the past and apparently the idea still prevailed around the table last night.

SEWER LINE COST

Donald Lykins told fellow commissioners he was concerned over the high cost of building sewer lines when this cost could be avoided if other construction methods are used. Lykins mentioned the double decked parking ramp in his argument.

Another member, Danny Anderson, suggested grading the

ravine and making a small park out of it for the time being, until someone comes along with a plan to use the area. He pointed out that the biggest objection to the ravine has been the junk and wild brush growing in it.

The council has also been concerned over the crumbling supports under Phoenix street, which must be repaired soon before the street collapses.

Members voted to ask the city council to hold a joint meeting with the commission to discuss the ravine project together.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other action, members discussed the recreation department's plan to construct a park and ball diamond in the city-

owned property west of the city sewer plant. Members were in agreement that the property could be put to better use as a trailer park to complement the city boat ramps nearby on the Black River. Action on the matter was tabled until members can meet with city recreation director Bill Rhodes and study his proposal more carefully.

The commission also voted to recommend to the council that the new Al-Van Humane Society be leased property located east of Blue Star Memorial highway rather than at the sewer plant. Members said they felt the housing of dogs and other animals was not compatible with the area.

Change
In Zoning
At Gobles

GOBLES —The Gobles city commission Thursday night granted a zoning change requested by Stanley Barber of Paw Paw following a public hearing in which no objections were raised.

Barber had petitioned for a change from agricultural to commercial for a piece of property on the east side of M-40 near the south city limits of Gobles. He plans to construct a coin-operated laundry.

The commission set Dec. 12 as the date for a public hearing on a zoning change requested by Mrs. Robert Redman, who recently purchased the old Adventist school. She plans to convert the building into six apartments. This requires a zoning change from residential to commercial.

Three persons were appointed to the board of review for three year terms. They are Otis Norman, Pearl Phillips and Adrian Ryno.

Elementary principal Mitchell Gordon explained how the school will handle the safety patrol, which will direct traffic at three school crossings. He said equipment has been ordered from the American Automobile Association. Police Chief Glenn Breed will talk to the children who volunteer for the safety patrol and explain their duties. The city commission promised its cooperation in the project.

The commission authorized payment of bills totaling \$3,558.62.

JUDGE LIGNELL

Fourth District Court
In Cass Courthouse

CASSIOPOLIS — The Fourth District Court, which includes all of Cass county, will be housed in the Cass County Courthouse in Cassopolis.

County Clerk Kenneth Poe said the county board of supervisors has authorized the hiring of a contractor to make alterations on the top floor of the courthouse to provide offices and a courtroom for Judge Steg J. Lignell of Dwagiac, who will take office January 1.

Poe said plans call for dividing the present large circuit courtroom in two to provide a district courtroom. Lignell's office will be on the same floor, he said.

Lignell's office will be on the same floor, he said. Lignell said he is authorized one magistrate to assist him with traffic offenses and misdemeanor cases. Under his present plans, Lignell said, the magistrate will have his office in Dwagiac. He said that there are no plans at this time to have offices other than municipalities in the county.

The magistrate will be appointed by Lignell, with the approval of the board of supervisors.